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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

January 9, 1958

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Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reply to your recent letter, relative to a meeting of our respective merger committees, we would suggest Friday, January 24th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Parker House, Boston.

We hope that this date will meet with your convenience and that of your commitee.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, we are, with kindest personal regards

Sincerely and fraternally,

John A. Callahan

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December 24, 1957

Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec.-Treas., Leg. Agent
Massachusetts State Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Kelley:

The Merger Committee of this Council is available to meet with your Committee on the question of merging of our respective organizations.

We would require a few days notice of any meeting date selected.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 7th, 1937

Dear Professor Kelley:

The Harper Committee of this Council is available to meet with Prof. Campbell and the question of securing of new material.

We would prefer a few days notice of any meeting date

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. William Hoffmeyer
Treasurer

Baltimore Council
Maryland-Delaware

January 10, 1958

Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec.-Treas., Leg. Agent
Massachusetts State Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Kelley:

Your letter of January 9, 1958, suggesting that our respective Merger Committees meet on Friday, January 24, 1958, at 10:30 a.m., at the Parker House, Boston, is acceptable to us.

Would you please advise as to how you wish the arrangements for the meeting place to be handled.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

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January 9, 1958

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cc: John A. Callahan, Pres.
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MASSACHUSETTS STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
11 BEACON STREET, ROOM 801
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

January 7, 1953

Mr. Salvatore Camilla, Sec.-Treas.
Pawtucketville State CIO Industrial Union Council
16 Fremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reply to your recent letter, relative to a meeting of our respective merger committees, we would suggest Friday, January 30th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Parker House, Boston.

We hope that this date will meet with your convenience and that of your committee.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, we are, with kindest personal regards

Sincerely and fraternally,

John A. Callahan
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sent to
8-man merger committee

January 14, 1958

Please be advised a meeting of our Merger Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 24th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Parker House, Boston, with the AFL Merger Committee.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
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December 24, 1957

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Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec.-Treas., Leg. Agent
Mass. Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Kelley:

The MergerCommittee of this Council is available to meet with your Committee on the question of merging of our respective organizations.

We would require a few days notice of any meeting date selected.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. W. B., Pres.

S. C. Sec. Treas.

December 15, 1937

Kenneth A. Wolfe, Dept.-Sec., Leg. Assoc
Mass. Federation of Labor
11 Beacon
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Wolfe:

The Executive Committee of this Council is unwilling to
meet with your Committee on the question of unification of our
respective organizations.

We would receive a few more copies of any meeting date
published.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. W. B., Pres.

E. C. Ber. Trees.

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sent to entire Merger Committee

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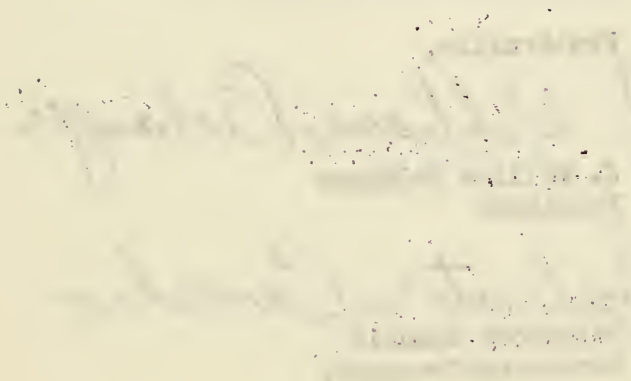

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January 17, 1958

It is important that we review the series of meetings and events that have followed since our first meeting with the AFL Merger Committee in 1956, preparatory to our next meeting with them on Friday, January 24,1958. Therefore, a meeting of our Merger Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 1958, at 6:00 p.m., at the Parker House, Boston. For this meeting we have reserved a room and arranged to have dinner together, during which and following we will discuss the merger question in its entirety.

Also on Thursday, January 23rd, we have been asked to meet at 4:00 p.m. at the State House, to discuss with the Administration the question of retraining workers in distressed areas whose former employment and occupation no longer exist.

It is suggested the members of our committee, who will attend the 4:00 p.m. meeting at the State House, meet in the lobby of the Governor's Office, just prior to 4:00 p.m.

Would you please indicate on the enclosed card whether or not you will attend these two meetings.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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February 13, 1958

Arthur H. Pace, Bus. Agent
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL-CIO
7 Main Street
Leominster, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Pace:

This is in answer to your letter of January 15th. The reason for some of the delay in answering was due to the fact that we had a merger meeting scheduled in the interim.

We read your letter with interest and wish to advise you that all of us are as anxious as you are to have the merger of our Organizations in Massachusetts. Having been in the field of collective bargaining for many years we, too, are mindful of the fact that in negotiations - on whatever issue - there has to be a certain amount of give and take but sometimes it is easier to say than do, especially when one of the parties wants to take and take. We know you will understand what this means and, finally, like yourself we are dedicated to the proposition that CIO will merge with adequate representation for the establishment of an Organization of which we all can be proud.

We remain

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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February 13, 1954

Arthur V. Price, Esq. Agent
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL-CIO
7 Main Street
Leominster, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Price:

This is in answer to your letter of January 12th. The reason for some of the delay is entirely due to the fact that we had a heavy meeting scheduled in the interim.

We read your letter with interest and wish to advise you that all of us are as anxious as you are to have the matter of our jurisdiction in Leominster determined. Hereby lies in the field of conflicting Organizing Pro[illegible] ns, but are mindful of the fact to accomplishment - no whatever. There has to be a certain answer of give and take and sometimes it is easier to lay this day, especially when one of the parties wants to take and take. We know you will understand what this means and finally, like yourself we are dedicated to the proposition that AFL will serve with adequate representation for the establishment of an Organization of which we all can be proud.

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Donelli
Secretary-Treasurer

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ARTHUR H. PACE, Business Agent

January 15, 1958

Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Sec'y-Treas.
Congress of Industrial Organizations
18 Tremont St.
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

For sometime now we have noted that the AFL-CIO has been trying to affect a merger in the State of Massachusetts. We realize there are various problems that arise which must be dealt with and sometimes what we may feel are major problems, in the final analysis turn out to be problems which simply required a little deeper understanding.

Those of us who had anything to do with the Council Merger in the Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner area, thought as you (on a smaller scale) that merger would be impossible, but somehow we thrashed out the problems and on January 22, 1958 will have our first election of officers.

There is no doubt in our minds that having a merged council will be worthless unless the two great organizations merge on the state level. Without that we are powerless and any decisions that are made are meaningless.

Affected by the non-merger of the two state groups are approximately 400,000 members and we feel certain it would be to the advantage of the Labor movement in general and Massachusetts in particular if a merger were to be affected sometime in the not to distant future.

We are also certain it would not be necessary for the National AFL-CIO to send a representative, if we used six words as a basis to merge "Give a little, take a little."

Fraternally yours,

Arthur H. Pace

Arthur H. Pace
Business Agent
Local #309 Fitchburg, Mass.
Local #378 Leominster, Mass.

February 13, 1958

Albert F. Litano, President
IUE-AFL-CIO, Local #255
109 Woodlawn Avenue
Pittsfield, Mass.

Dear Brother Litano:

This is in answer to your letter of January 22nd. Part of the delay in answering was because we had a merger meeting scheduled which, incidentally, was the twenty-third such meeting. With the aid of President Meany's Assistants in the persons of Messrs R. J. Thomas and Eugene Moats, we are pleased to report that at last we have made some progress. It is sensed, especially from this last meeting, that merger will be accomplished in the not too distant future.

The Mass. State CIO has been very patient over these long months in its deliberations for merger. We know, Albert, that you understand merger is a fine thing providing, however, that Mass. State CIO gets adequate representation for the establishment of an Organization of which we can all be proud.

We remain

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger,
President

Salvatore Camelio,
Secretary-Treasurer

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February 13, 1952

Albert T. Litton, President
CIO-AFL-CIO, Local #252
329 Washington Avenue
Pittsfield, Mass.

Dear President Litton:

This is in answer to your letter of January 22nd. Part of the delay in answering was because we had a meeting scheduled with, incidentally, was the twenty-third such meeting. With the aid of President Hoy's Assistants in the persons of Messrs. A. J. Tuccio and Eugene Morris, we are pleased to report that at last we have made some progress. It is agreed, tentatively this time last meeting, that matter will be consolidated in the not the distant future.

The Mass. State CIO has been very patient over these long months in its deliberations for wages. We know, Albert, that you understand merger is a fine thing jurisdictionally, however, does Mass. State CIO pass adequate representation for the maintenance of an Organization of which it was all be proud.

Be sincere

Personally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
President

Brotherhood Building.
Twenty-Fourth

Office: 109 Woodlawn Avenue
Telephone 2-6996

International Union of Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers

A. F. L. — C. I. O.

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January 22, 1958

Mr. William J. Belanger, Pres.
Massachusetts State C.I.O.
18 Tremont Street (Room 328)
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear President Belanger:

On Monday, January 20, 1958, the Central Labor Union, to which IUE Local 255 is a member and has been a member for the past year, was pretty much disturbed over the fact that the two bodies of the AFL and CIO have not merged as of yet.

At this meeting, there were both AFL and CIO officers present and each local was advised by the people present to send a letter to their state heads and request that merging activities at your level be speeded up. They are much disturbed because of the fact that President Meany of the National AFL-CIO has given two years to get the AFL-CIO state departments together and we feel that the membership at large is being done a great dis-service when they read accounts in the press about the squabbles that go on at state level between representatives of the CIO and AFL.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that at this meeting of the Central Labor Union, we voted to apply for an AFL-CIO charter so that we can be recognized as an AFL-CIO Group.

I would appreciate very much your letting me know of any developments that may occur within the next few weeks on this subject of merging so that at lease we could make a respectable report at one or our future meetings.

I will appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Albert F. Litano

Albert F. Litano
President

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Pittsfield Central Labor Union

A. F. L. [redacted] C. I. O.

February 13, 1958

Messrs G. M. DeBlois, President
and G. F. Doyle, Recording Sec'y
Pittsfield Central Labor Union, AFL-CIO
109 Woodlawn Avenue
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is in answer to your letter of January 23rd, with which you enclosed copy of letter sent by you to President George Meany on January 22nd, regarding merger of our State Organizations. Please be advised that one of the reasons for the delay in answering your letter was that a merger meeting was held in the interim. This, incidentally, was the twenty-third such meeting and for our part we more than attempted to settle our differences to hasten the merger at all of the meetings.

As you might know, representatives from President Meany's Office have come into the State and rendered some assistance. They have performed a useful service and we made more progress at the meeting they attended than ever before. Since this last meeting, it is sensed that merger will be accomplished in the not too distant future. All we want is adequate representation for the establishment of an Organization of which we can all be proud.

We remain

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger,
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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February 13, 1939

Harry C. W. Nichols, President
and G. F. Depke, Executive Sec'y
Pittsfield Central Labor Union, AFL-CIO
109 Woodlawn Avenue
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is to answer to your letter of January 23rd, with which you enclosed copy of letter sent by you to President Harry Hardy on January 22nd, regarding meeting of our Pirate tribunal. There be evident that one of the reasons for the delay in answering your letter was that a meeting was held in the interim. This, undoubtedly, was the thought-filled work meeting and for our part we were then attempted to settle our differences to insure the success of all of the meetings.

As you might know, representatives from President Hardy's office have gone into the facts and rendered some decisions. They have performed a useful service and we were pleased at the working they attended that were all be accomplished in the not too distant future. All we want is adequate representation for the satisfactory of an organization of which we can all be proud.

Yours truly,

Fraternally yours,

J. William Delaney,
President

Alfonso Cavallo
Secretary-Treasurer

Pittsfield Central Labor Union

A. F. L. C. I. O.

109 WOODLAWN AVENUE PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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January 23, 1958

Mr. William J. Belanger, Pres.
Mass. State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Belanger:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our letter to President George F. Meany. This was as a result of unanimous vote taken at our regular monthly meeting of the Pittsfield Central Labor Union.

The feeling was expressed that both state bodies could arrive at a mutual compromise and, for the good of labor, to settle their differences and hasten the merger. We have no intention, in any way, of embarrassing either of our state bodies but we feel that rather than have someone else come in to settle the differences, it could be readily done by ourselves.

Fraternally yours,

Charles M. DeBlois /rac

Charles M. DeBlois, President

Gerald F. Doyle

Gerald F. Doyle, Recording Secretary

CDGD:rac

Massachusetts Federation of Labor

January 22, 1958

Mr. George F. Meany
AFL-CIO Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Meany:

At a recent meeting of our Central Labor Union, a unanimous vote was taken to petition you for a Central Labor Union Charter under the AFL-CIO.

The CIO Unions in Pittsfield have affiliated with our AFL Central Labor Body for some 18 months and we have found that it has been to our mutual advantage in many instances. Our relationships have been very harmonious and beneficial.

We realize that our state bodies have as yet not completed the merger and at best we are very disappointed and discouraged. It is for this reason that we have taken this action with the stipulation that a copy of this letter be sent to both state bodies along with a letter urging them, for the benefit of labor, to settle their differences as speedily as possible and consumate the merger.

We do, however, have one question to ask. Assuming that you do issue us the charter. Would this in any way affect our Central Labor Union vote at the State Merger Convention?

Any instructions as to proper future procedure would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to receive an early reply and wishing you continued success in the fight against corrupt labor, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

Charles M. DeBlois

Charles DeBlois, President

Gerald Doyle, Recording Secretary

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February 13, 1958

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Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Camelio:

Having been unable to reach you by phone today, I am advising you herewith of the action taken on merger by our Executive Council at its February 12th meeting.

Our Executive Council carefully considered the report of the January 24th meeting of our respective merger committees. It is the considered opinion of the Executive Council of this Federation that the certified public accountants' audit of both organizations' financial and membership structure should cover the period January 1st, 1957 to December 31st, 1957. An audit for the 12 months preceding the end of your last fiscal year (April 30th, 1957) or preceding our fiscal year (June 30th, 1957) would not be recent enough to reflect the current fiscal and physical assets of both organizations.

We are prepared to have the auditing firm of Flaherty, Bliss and Company, CPA, 40 Court Street, Boston, meet with the auditing firm employed by your organization for the purpose of working out the details for such an audit. I might suggest that after both firms complete their audit for their respective organization, that they then verify each others audit.

Please let me know when your auditors can meet with ours, in order that they may complete their examination as soon as possible and thereby accelerate resumption of merger meetings between our respective organizations.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ken Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent.

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February 26, 1958

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council
44 School Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reviewing the correspondence relative to the merging of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor and the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council, I find that Massachusetts is one of the few states which has not completed the merger.

At the AFL-CIO Convention held in Atlantic City, December 5-12, 1957 the delegates attending the Convention approved of a resolution of which the Resolve was:

"1. The Constitution of the AFL-CIO indicates that after a lapse of the two-year period allowed in the Constitution for the merger of central bodies, only merged central bodies shall be entitled to representation at AFL-CIO conventions.

2. The Executive Council hereby declares that each and every central body which has not effected merger by December 5, 1957 has failed to comply with the Constitution of the AFL-CIO. It hereby authorizes the President of the AFL-CIO to revoke these charters as provided by the AFL-CIO Constitution and rules governing state and local central bodies.

3. The President of the AFL-CIO is further authorized to take such action as may be necessary to effect the merger of central bodies not as yet merged or to create and charter new central bodies in lieu of those whose charters are revoked."

Mr. J. Wilham Belanger February 26, 1958

I am anxious to have these mergers completed. I have been advised that a number of meetings have been held by your committee on merger with the corresponding committee of the State Federation of Labor.

I understand it was impossible to complete the negotiations prior to December 5, 1957.

I would suggest that the officers of your State CIO Council make the necessary arrangements to meet with the officers of the State Federation in order to complete the arrangements for a Constitution and By-Laws to govern the merged organizations as quickly as possible. You know it will also be necessary to work out a Merger Agreement which will provide the organizational procedure for merging.

Arrangements should be made for State Conventions to approve of the Constitution and By-Laws and Merger Agreement. Such arrangements should be made so that the merger convention would immediately follow the convention of the State organization in the same city. This would expedite the merger and would not require the delegates to your convention to return at a later date for the merger convention.

In accordance with the resolution passed by the delegates at the Second Constitutional Convention of the AFL-CIO which directed me "to take such action as is necessary to effect a merger of the state bodies not yet merged", I am urging your State officers to assist me by completing the merger of your State organizations.

I would much prefer that the merger in your State be completed on terms mutually agreeable to the officers of your State CIO Council and the officers of the State Federation of Labor.

If my office can be of assistance to you in bringing this about, feel free to call on me.

Fraternally yours,

President

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These 3 letters were sent out as a result on Bd action at February meeting

February 26, 1958

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street, Room 801
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of February 13, 1958 was received on February 14th at the time the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council was holding its monthly Board meeting. At this meeting a full report was given of the merger meeting held on January 24, 1958, at the Parker House in Boston at which President Meany's Assistants R. J. Thomas and Eugene P. Moats were present and your letter was read to the Board members as part of the report.

We should like to inform you that our Board Members - especially those who comprise the CIO Merger Committee - were shocked to say the least because of the Mass. AFL's Merger Committee's breach of agreement to exchange the lists of Locals and their average membership for the year preceding the last convention of each Organization. Further, it was noted that you made no mention regarding the complement of the new Board, Officers and their designations in the new Organization as agreed. We should like to inform you that these developments have been conveyed to President Meany's Office through the persons of his Assistants R. J. Thomas and Eugene Moats. Further, we can only conclude that your total disregard of commitments on your part can only retard merger. As for our part, we wish to reiterate that Mass. State CIO has always been - and still is - desirous of an early merger. It was the unanimous opinion of the CIO Board that commitments made by the Mass. AFL Merger Committee should be carried out.

We await your reply.

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

JWB:M
cc: R. J. Thomas
E. Moats
H. Thompson

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In [illegible] your reply.

Yours [illegible],

J. [illegible]
President

Yours
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

February 26, 1958

Eugene P. Moats, Assistant
to the President
AFL-CIO
815-16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Moats:

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It is regrettable that these incidents only delay merger. As far as State CIO is concerned, we wish to reiterate that we always have been and are still desirous of a merger as soon as possible. However, we must depend on your good offices to assist in having the Massachusetts AFL live up to its commitments. May we hear from you as soon as possible.

With kind personal regards, we remain

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

JWB:M
Enc.

cc: H. Thompson

February 26, 1958

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Washington 6, D. C.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: H. Thompson

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
11 BEACON STREET, ROOM 801
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

APR 4 REC'D

April 3, 1958

Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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Sincerely and fraternally,

John A. Callahan, President

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent.

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cc: President George Meany

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11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

March 7, 1958

JOHN A. CALLAHAN
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Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your letter dated February 26 which was received March 4th, 1958.

Your letter will be presented to the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Kelley

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March 10, 1958

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J. William Belanger, Regional Director
Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO
44 School Street, Room 304
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Belanger:

This is to advise you that we received today a letter from Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent of the Mass. Federation of Labor, dated March 7th, reading as follows:

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Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton

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Legislative Agent

(Belanger) Washington meeting AFL-CIO

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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
Room 801 CApitol 7-8260
From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

April 3, 1958

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April 15, 1958

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11 Beacon Street
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April 16, 1958

George Meany, President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear President Meany:

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Thanking you once again, we are,

Respectfully and fraternally,

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 30, 1959

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April 15, 1958

R. J. Thomas, Asst. to the President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Thomas:

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Please advise us whether or not you can be present on any of these dates.

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Salvatore Camelio
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April 14, 1949

April 15, 1958

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Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: R. J. Thomas
Eugene Moats
Pres. Meany

April 15, 1958

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SUGGESTED LETTER TO THOMAS and MOATS

On receipt of your letter of April 18th advising that it will be impossible for you to attend a meeting of the merger committee of this organization and the Mass. State Federation of Labor on the following dates:

April 30 - May 1 or May 2

we sent the enclosed letter to Kenneth Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mass. Federation of Labor.

Our Executive Board strongly expressed the opinion of the importance of having you and Brother Moats attend any future merger talks. Therefore, could you suggest some dates that would be convenient to you -- any time after May 9, 1958.

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Dear Brother Kelley:

Pursuant to our letter of April 15th to you concerning the resumption of merger talks and suggesting the dates of -- April 30, May 1 and May 2, we sent a letter to President Meany, also to R. J. Thomas and Eugene Moats.

We have this date received a letter, from R. J. Thomas in answer to our letter to both President Meany and himself, stating that it will be impossible for him to attend any meetings on the dates suggested.

Believing it is most important that Brothers Thomas and Moats, who are familiar with the situation, should be present at any discussions on the merger question, we suggest that the time be extended to when they will be free to attend our meetings and then arrange a date convenient to all concerned.

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April 18, 1958

APR 21 Rec'd

Mr. Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 15 as well as your letter of April 16 addressed to President Meany which has been referred to me for reply.

I sincerely regret that it will be impossible for me to attend any meetings on the dates suggested due to the fact that the AFL-CIO Executive Council and the AFL-CIO Executive Board will be meeting in Washington at that time.

I would strongly recommend that you resume your merger talks and at your meeting, if you will set a date for another meeting, I will make every effort to attend.

Please keep me advised of developments and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. J. Thomas

R. J. Thomas
Assistant to the President

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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

April 25, 1958

APR 25 REC'D
9:20 a.m. delivered by messenger

JOHN A. CALLAHAN
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I8 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Camelio:

In reply to your letter of April 15th, suggesting dates for the resumption of merger negotiations between our respective committees, we would prefer to meet on Friday, May 2nd.

If this date is agreeable to your committee, we would suggest further that the meeting be at 10:30 a.m. in the Parker House, Boston.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will be looking forward to a constructive meeting with you on May 2nd.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth J. Kelley

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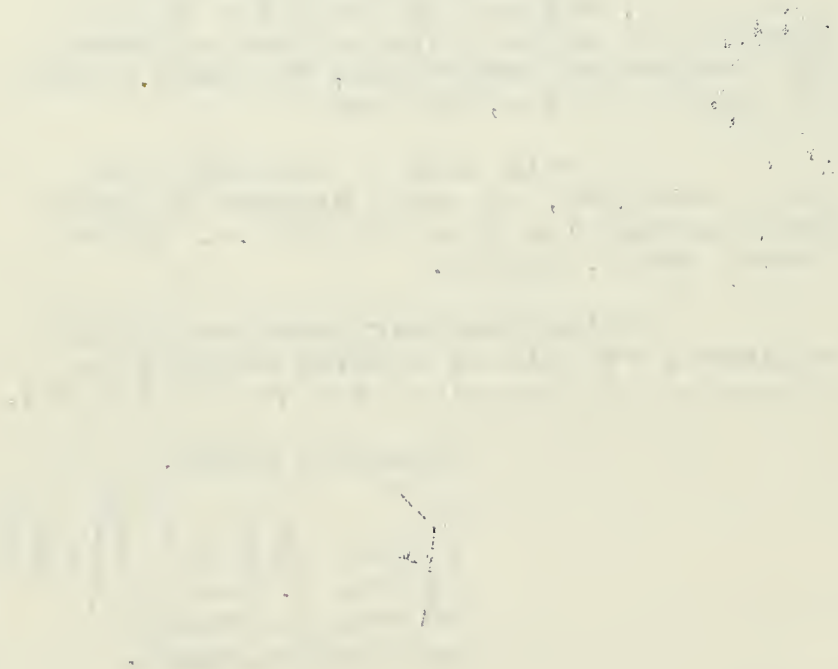

Mr. John Callahan
Ken Kelley

Due to the untimely death of
Sec-Treas. Salvatore Comelis's Mother
and the funeral taking place
on Friday May 7th we regret
to inform you that the Mass
State C.O. Merger committee
will be unable to meet with
you upon that date
We would suggest the next
our merger committee meeting
on Fri. May 23rd if that
meets with your approval
Awaiting your reply.
Fraternally yours.
JWB Pres.

April 29, 1958

Eugene Moats, Asst. to the President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Moats:

The enclosed copy of the telegram we sent to Mr. John Callahan and Mr. Kenneth Kelley is self-explanatory.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

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April 17, 1939

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April 29, 1958

John Callahan, Pres.
Kenneth Kelley, Sec. Treas.-Leg. Agent
Mass. State Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

DUE TO THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SECRETARY-TREASURER SALVATORE CAMELLO'S MOTHER AND THE FUNERAL TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE MASS. STATE CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET WITH YOUR GROUP ON THAT DATE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES ON FRIDAY, MAY 23rd IF THAT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL. AWAITING YOUR REPLY.

MASS. STATE CIO COUNCIL
J. WILLIAM HOLLAND, PRESIDENT

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Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council

April 29, 1958

R. J. Thomas, Asst. to the President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Thomas:

The Enclosed copy of the telegram we sent to Mr. John Callahan and Mr. Kenneth Kelley is self-explanatory.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

mp

April 29, 1938

R. A. Thurber, Supt. in the Provisional
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
811 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Thurber:

The Employees Duty of the Laboratory we sent in Mr. Webb
Collison and Mr. Emmett Valley is self-explanatory.

Fraternally,

J. William Belcher
Pro Tempore

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ALBERT G. CLIFTON

April 30, 1958

Sent to:
[redacted]elanger
Camelio
Campobasso
Murray
Lieberman
Walkinshaw
Stevens
Sullivan

Due to the untimely death of Secretary-Treasurer Salvatore Camelio's mother and the funeral taking place on Friday, May 2, we have notified the Massachusetts Federation of Labor that we would be unable to meet on that date.

We have suggested the date of May 23 to them and will notify you of their reply.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger

J. William Belanger
President

May 1, 1958

J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your telegram advising that due to the death of Salvatore Camelio's mother, the Merger Committee meeting scheduled for May 2nd must be postponed. May I extend the deepest sympathies of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor to Secretary-Treasurer Camelio.

In your wire you suggest May 23rd as a date for the next meeting of our respective merger committees. In view of the long time that has elapsed since our last meeting, we would prefer not to have to wait until May 23rd for our next meeting. Would it not be possible to hold a meeting on either May 9th or May 16th?

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent

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May 1, 1958

J. William Doherty, President
Mass. CIO Industrial Union Council
10 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your telegram advising that due to the death of Sylvester Murphy, the Energy Committee meeting scheduled for May 7 must be postponed. May I extend the deepest sympathy of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor to Secretary-Treasurer [illegible].

In view of your request that 2:30 P.M. be the time for the next meeting of our Energy Committee, I have changed the time of the June 11th meeting from 2:30 to 10:00 A.M. Would you prefer not to have a meeting May 7th for any real meeting. Would it not be possible to hold a meeting at 10:00 May 7th or any time?

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent

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May 5, 1958

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of May 1st to President Belanger relative to a meeting of our respective Merger Committees and suggesting the dates of May 9th or May 16th received.

I was able to contact President Belanger by telephone before he left to attend an Executive Board meeting of his International Union. He directed me to advise you that several members of our Committee would be unable to attend a Merger Committee meeting on the dates you suggest. The Textile Workers Union of America and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America are holding conventions during that period.

He suggested that the dates of May 20th or 21st be considered for the next meeting. Would you kindly let us know at your earliest convenience if either of these two dates would be acceptable.

Fraternally yours,

Albert G. Clifton
Legislative Agent

May 5, 1954

May 5, 1958

R. J. Thomas, Assistant to the President
American Federation of Labor-Congress of
Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I enclose a copy of a letter sent this date to Mr. Kenneth Kelley of the Mass. Federation of Labor which is self-explanatory.

Would you advise me if any of the two dates are agreed to by Brother Kelley, whether it would be possible for you or Eugene Moats to attend. With best wishes,

Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton
Legislative Agent

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May 2, 1958

MAY 5 REC'D

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO IUC
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 29 with attached copy of telegram to Brothers John Callahan and Kenneth Kelley.

Although it will be impossible for Eugene Moats and myself to attend the meeting of your Merger Committees on May 23, I would suggest that you hold the meeting if it can be worked out. At the meeting on the 23rd, if you set a date for the next meeting, we will make every effort to attend.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

R. J. Thomas

R. J. Thomas
Assistant to the President

RJT:p

Massachusetts Federation of Labor

11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
Room 801 CApitol 7-8260
From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

May 1, 1958

JOHN A. CALLAHAN
President

KENNETH J. KELLEY
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

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MAY 2 REC'D

J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your telegram advising that due to the death of Salvatore Camelio's mother, the Merger Committee meeting scheduled for May 2nd must be postponed. May I extend the deepest sympathies of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor to Secretary-Treasurer Camelio.

In your wire you suggest May 23rd as a date for the next meeting of our respective merger committees. In view of the long time that has elapsed since our last meeting, we would prefer not to have to wait until May 23rd for our next meeting. Would it not be possible to hold a meeting on either May 9th or May 16th?

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent

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April 25, 1958

Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.
Massachusetts State CIO
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Camelio:

In reply to your letter of April 15th, suggesting dates for the resumption of merger negotiations between our respective committees, we would prefer to meet on Friday, May 2nd.

If this date is agreeable to your committee, we would suggest further that the meeting be at 10:30 a.m. in the Parker House, Boston.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will be looking forward to a constructive meeting with you on May 2nd.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent.

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Agreed for 2 3rd
Sal Camelio

April 25, 1958

Secretary Donald, Inc.-Corpus.
Sweetheart Trail
12 Tremont Corpus
Dorton, Houston-Harris

Dear Traveler (Prospect)

In reply to your letter of April 12th, suggesting dates for the reservation of sample room accommodations for salesmen attending, we would prefer [illegible] May 6th.

If this date is agreeable to you, we would suggest further that the meeting be at 2:30 [illegible] the Parker House, Dorton.

Please let [illegible] know by [illegible] will be handling [illegible] is coordinating meeting with you on

Sincerely yours,

[illegible] A. Dalton
Secretary-Treasurer-
Investigative Agent.

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April 15, 1958

Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec.-Treas., Leg. Agent
American Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Kelley:

In answer to your letter dated April 3, 1958 concerning the resumption of merger talks, the subject of resuming merger negotiations was discussed at the April 11th meeting of our Executive Board. The Board authorized the merger committee members to meet with your committee to resume negotiations.

The Mass. State CIO have always been in favor of the merged labor movement on the state level and we are ready and willing to work toward this objective on the basis of mutual understanding.

We are therefore recommending the following dates for your consideration; April 30, May 1 and May 2, 1958. We recommend that AFL-CIO Representatives R. J. Thomas and Eugene Moats be in attendance to assist in these merger negotiations.

We hope that one of the above dates meet with your approval.

Fraternally,

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

April 15, 1952

Dennis J. Taylor, Gen.-Treas., Int. Union
American Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Taylor:

In answer to your letter dated April 9, 1952 concerning the resignation of Harry Hale, the Federal Labor Relations Authority at the August 11th meeting of its Executive Board. The Board determined the matter sufficient reason to meet with your committee to review qualifications.

The Rev. Jones can make delivery down to Penn of his marine lamps shipments to the public level and he could willing to work toward their objective for the Coast of Oregon Corporation.

We are therefore requesting [illegible] during for [illegible]
April 30, May 1 and May 2, 1952. We recommend that [illegible]
A. F. Thomas and inform Hale he is authorized to handle [illegible]
negotiations.

We hope that you at the Labor Dates meet with your approval.

Sincerely,

Salvatore Camillo
Secretary-Treasurer

May 9, 1958

Mr. Michael Farraher
212 Adams Street
Malden, Mass.

Dear Brother Farraher:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter mailed to Lawrence MacDonald which is self-explanatory.

Also enclosed is my report and the statement on merger that I mentioned in our telephone conversation of date.

Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton
Legislative Agent

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enc. (2)

Dec 9, 1964

Mr. Thomas Parsons
222 Cherry Church
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter mailed to Lawrence Lawrence
while in Wall-Mart-Dallas.

Also enclosed is my request and the reference we discuss last
week over the telephone concerning us date.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. Filfus
Territorial Clerk

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Enc. (2)

May 9, 1958

Mr. Lawrence MacDonald, F. S.
OCAW-AFL-CIO Local #14-283
79 Pleasant Street
Stoneham, Massachusetts

Dear Brother MacDonald:

President George Meany of the National AFL-CIO was in Boston on Thursday, May 8th. He had asked to meet with our President, Belanger, and Kenneth Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mass. State Federation of Labor, at the Hotel Statler on that date. President Belanger is attending a convention of his International Union and Secretary-Treasurer Camelio took his place. While President Meany had asked to meet with the two officers of the respective organizations, Brother Camelio learned that President Callahan was to accompany Kelley, so Vice President Murray went with Camelio to meet with President Meany.

Enclosed is a statement captioned "Issues in Dispute Regarding Merger", which was prepared on short notice by Secretary-Treasurer Camelio and members of the Merger Committee to present to President Meany.

President Meany, contrary to some newspaper reports, issued no orders in regard to merger. He discussed the merger with our respective groups and agreed to send two of his assistants in for a meeting with the Merger Committees on June 3rd. He further suggested that the two Committees meet at least once or twice prior to the meeting with his representatives.

I am enclosing a copy of a legislative report I made to the Executive Board today, regarding three bills dealing with Unemployment Compensation, which I thought might be of interest to you. The questions raised by the decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court in the Judson L. Thomson Case are a matter of serious concern to many of our unions. A competent attorney is presently draw-

Dec 4, 1958

ing up a memorandum in non-technical language of the case which should be mailed to the local unions within the next week. Should you have any questions in relation to the bills mentioned in my report, I would welcome any inquiries you may care to make.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton
Legislative Agent

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line up a manufacturer in non-industrial language of the sort which should be
useful to the local dealer within the next week. Should you have any questions
in relation to the bills included in my report, I would welcome any discussion
you may have to make.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Albert E. Clifton
Legislative Agent

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ISSUES IN DISPUTE REGARDING MERGER

I. OFFICERS

Agreement was reached on the amount of officers, but we are bogged down on the allocation. The CIO requests that the President be allocated to the CIO (non-paying job) and the Secretary-Treasurer be allocated to the AFL (a paying job) and there be two Executive Vice-Presidents, with each of the parties being allocated one.

The AFL, on the other hand, proposed that they be allocated the President and Secretary-Treasurer Officers, both of which would be paid jobs and they would allocate the two Executive Vice-Presidents positions to the CIO.

II. EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPLEMENT

Although there has been an agreement on the amount of Executive Board Members, there is a continuing disagreement on the question of the amount each of the parties shall be allowed.

III. DEPARTMENTS

The CIO proposed that there be four departments:

(a) Cope
(b) Legislative
(c) Education and Research
(d) Publications and Public Relations

Each of these Departments to have a head, with the understanding that they are to be appointed and the Executive Committee of the merged Organization would direct the functions of each of these heads.

The AFL, on the other hand, proposed three departments:

(a) Cope and Education
(b) Legislative
(c) Publications and Public Relations

The head of the Cope and Education to be elected by the Convention; the Legislative head to be the Secretary-Treasurer; the head of Publications and Public Relations to be appointed by the Executive Committee. They are agreeable to have an assistant to the head of Cope and Education who would be appointed by the Executive Committee.

IV. PER CAPITA

There has been an agreement that the per capita would be five cents (5¢) per member. Although the task of selling this, insofar as it concerns the CIO, will not be an easy one, especially when each of the CIO Local Unions will assume a two cent (2¢) per month per capita tax increase for each of the members.

On the other hand, the AFL is only going to assume a half cent (½¢).

V. CONSTITUTION

Recognizing that there have been various insignificant agreements reached which directly relate to constitutional matters other than those mentioned in items I through IV, there is still a lot of work to be done toward drafting a workable consitution. However, the CIO Merger Committee does not envision any of the remaining items as being insurmountable.

SUMMATION

If merger is to be accomplished in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is incumbent upon the AFL Merger Committee to fully recognize that the CIO Organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been and still is a potent force for good -- socially, economically and politically.

The AFL Committee should and must agree that the President should come from the CIO; the Board complement should be divided as evenly as possible; the Department heads should be appointed by the Executive Committee and work under its direction.

In simple terms, the AFL Committee must recognize that the CIO has much to contribute to the merged organization both in physical strength and in mental strength; and we are sincerely desirous of merging, not submerging.

May 16, 1958

Salvatore Camelio, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will confirm the Merger Committee meetings to be held June 3rd and 4th, 1958, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parker House, Boston. This office will make the necessary arrangements with the Parker House for the meeting rooms on those two dates. In addition, we are advising President Meany's office and Assistants of these arrangements.

While there was some previous discussion of a meeting between our respective committees on June 2nd, it does not now appear that a meeting on that date would be either possible or productive.

Looking forward to seeing you and your Merger Committee on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd and 4th, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley,
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent

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May 16, 1958

Salvatore Camilli, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 329
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will confirm the Negro Committee meeting to be held June 3rd and 4th, 1958, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parker House, Boston. This office will make the necessary arrangements with the Parker House for the meeting room on those two dates. In addition, we are advising President Reuther's office and Washington of these arrangements.

While there was some preliminary discussion of a meeting between our respective committees on June 3rd, it does not seem as per that a meeting on that date would be either possible or productive.

Looking forward to seeing you and your Negro Committee on Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd and 4th, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth A. Bailey,
Secretary-Treasurer-
Legislative Agent

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ALBERT G. CLIFTON

August 4, 1958

This is to confirm the meeting of our Merger Committee on Tuesday, August 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the Textile Workers office, 44 School Street, Boston, followed by the meeting of our Committee with the AFL Merger Committee at 11:00 a.m., at the Parker House.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger

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August 29, 1958

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE

This is to inform you that we have finally received word from Brother Peter McGavin that the Merger Convention will be held on Saturday, December 6th, in Boston.

We have been told by Secretary-Treasurer Kelley of the State AFL that they are contemplating a four-day convention concluding with the Merger Convention with our organization on the 6th. Frankly, for CIO we see no necessity of having a convention with so many days. Furthermore in all of the merged states, invariably there were two-day conventions.

We are also informed that the AFL is to meet at the Somerset Hotel. We have taken the liberty of obtaining the Bradford Hotel for CIO and have also notified Secretary-Treasurer Kelley that on the 6th the Merger Convention should be held at the Bradford in that it has the largest hall and it has been so agreed. This means we do not have to change hotels and it will be more convenient for our group.

We are also preparing another special convention call which we will present to the Board at our September 12th meeting.

We remain fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger

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September 26, 1958

TO MEMBERS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE

Dear Sir and Brother:

We have received a telegram from the Assistants to President Meany, Brothers Thomas and McGavin setting October 14th and 15th at the Parker House, at 10:00 A.M. as the next meeting of the Merger Committee.

The purpose of the meeting is to go over a proposed constitution. It is important that you attend. Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

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October 16, 1958

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE

Dear Sir and Brother:

We are to meet at the Parker House for a dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 1958 at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the meeting held on October 14th, and to project our thinking for the meeting on the 22nd with the State AFL at the Parker House at 10:00 a.m.

MASS. STATE CIO MERGER COMMITTEE DINNER MEETING:

Date: October 21, 1958, Tuesday

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Parker House, Boston, Mass.

MASS. STATE CIO AND MASS. STATE AFL MERGER COMMITTEE MEETING:

Date: October 22, 1958, Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Parker House, Boston, Mass.

Fraternally,

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October 23, 1958

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE:

Dear Sir and Brother:

Please be advised a meeting of our Merger Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Parker House, Boston, with the AFL Merger Committee.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

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November 17, 1958

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MERGER COMMITTEE:

Dear Sir and Brother:

Word has come from President Meany's office that merger meetings will be held on either Monday, November 24th, or Tuesday, November 25th, definite commitment to follow.

Fraternally,

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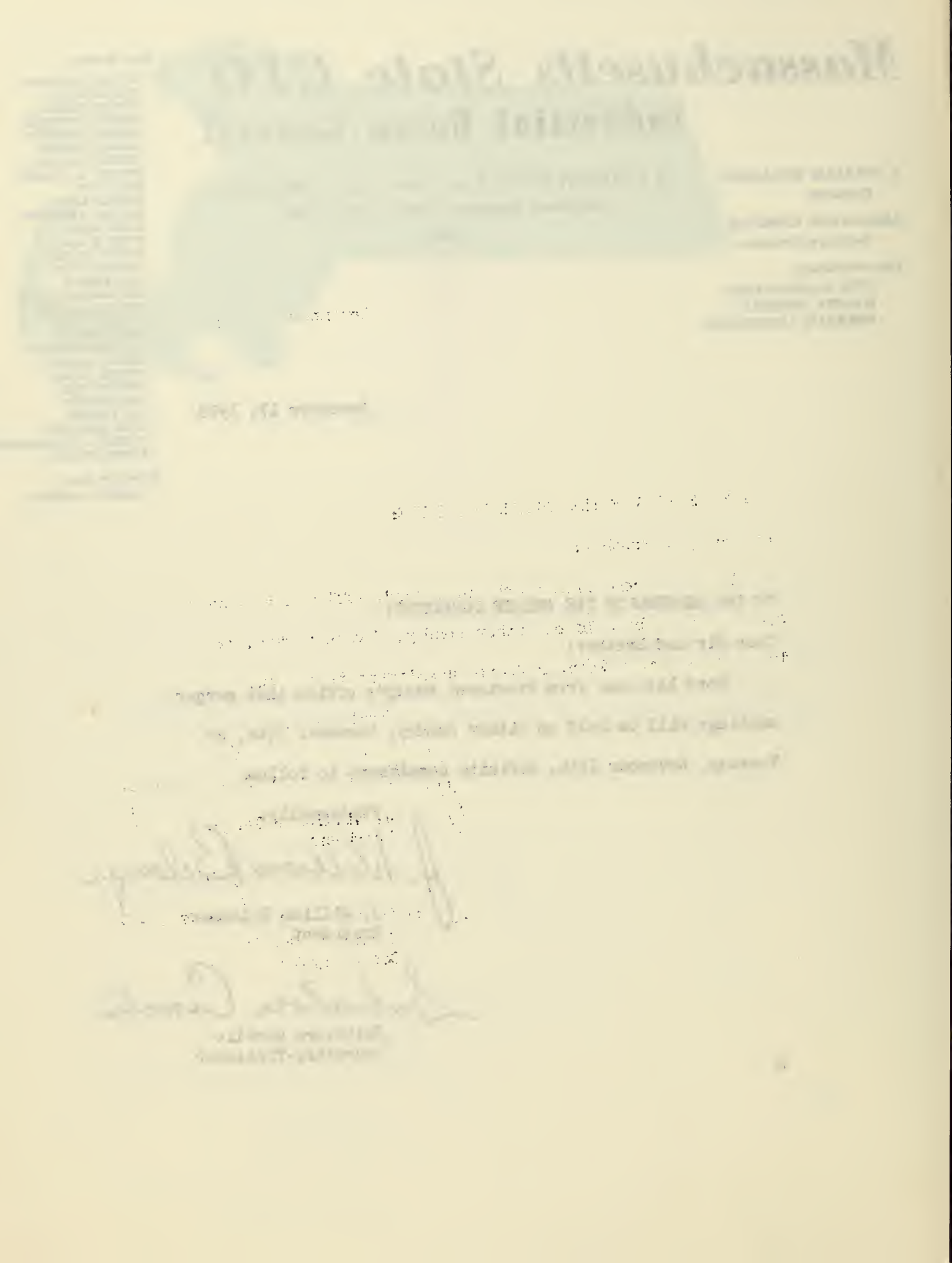

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KENNETH J. KELLEY
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

November 28, 1958

TO RECORDING SECRETARIES

Dear Sir and Brother:

As you know the 72nd and last convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor will open Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 A.M. in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Somerset, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Delegates may register with the Credentials Committee Tuesday, December 2nd from 3-6 P.M. in the Director's Room of the Hotel Somerset. Registration will also be conducted Wednesday morning from 8.30 to 10.00 A.M.

Because of the fact that this is only a 3-day convention, the program will be somewhat altered from previous annual conventions. The principal speaker on Wednesday afternoon's session will be Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell. We are endeavoring as far as possible to cut down the number of outside speakers in order that the delegates may devote themselves to the merger proposal and constitution. The Executive Council has voted to hold nomination of officers at the Thursday afternoon session; elections will be held on Friday afternoon. We hope to have in the hands of every delegate, a copy of a complete merger constitution in order that they may have ample opportunity to study and discuss this important document.

The Joint Merger Convention with the delegates from the Massachusetts State CIO will be held Saturday, December 6th at the Hotel Bradford, Boston. Presiding over that convention will be Peter J. McGavin and R. J. Thomas, executive assistants to President Meany. Only delegates who registered and deposited their credentials at the Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention December 3-5 at the Hotel Somerset, will be eligible to attend the Merger Convention on December 6th at the Hotel Bradford. All delegates to the Federation Convention, providing they attended it, will be automatically accredited to the Joint Merger Convention.

Please pass this information on to the delegates from your local. If your local has not as yet sent in its credentials, they may be brought directly to the Somerset by your designated delegates and they will be seated, providing your local is in good standing as per the convention call which you have previously received. All indications point to the most important and historic convention in the history of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

Looking forward to seeing you and your delegates next week at the Hotel Somerset,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley

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